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FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the third paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11 as follows:

**(A copy of the marked-up version of the specification as amended is attached to this Reply).**

B<sup>1</sup>  
Likewise, it is possible to start the drive unit in this case. For this purpose, the unit consisting of parts 9 and 10 is fitted into the device 1. Like a conventional ignition key, the key 10 is then used for permitting the starting of